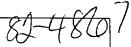
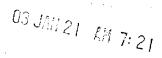


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Dear Sirs

AMRAD Corporation Limited Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption (File No. 82-4867)

The enclosed information is being furnished by AMRAD Corporation Limited ("AMRAD") under paragraph (b)(1)(i) of Rule 12g3-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("the Exchange Act"). AMRAD's file number is indicated in the upper right hand corner of each unbound page and the first page of each bound document furnished herewith.

In accordance with paragraphs (b)(4) and (b)(5) of the Rule, the documents furnished herewith are being furnished with the understanding that such documents will not be deemed "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and that neither this letter nor the furnishings of such documents shall constitute an admission for any purpose that AMRAD is subject to the Exchange Act.

Yours sincerely

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This will advise that the issuer has been added to the list of those foreign private issuers that claim exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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MESSAGE:

We confirm the receipt and release to the market of an announcement regarding:

To leverage property assets for R&D Boost



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### **NEWS RELEASE** Thursday 16 January 2003

#### AMRAD TO LEVERAGE PROPERTY ASSETS FOR R&D BOOST

Amrad (ASX:AML) today announced it would place on the market its 4.7 hectares of land in Melbourne's inner suburb of Richmond, as foreshadowed at the Company's Annual General Meeting in October 2002.

The Amrad Board has appointed KPMG's National Real Estate Group, Urbis, FPDSavills and Deacons to advise on the planning, development and packaging of the site.

Amrad Managing Director, Dr Sandra Webb, said the sale would allow the Company to extract maximum value from its investment in the land. The Company has its corporate headquarters and laboratories on the Richmond site.

"Amrad does not see itself as a property investor. In consultation with our expert advisers, the Board has considered the available options and has determined that the sale of the Amrad site, involving a partial leaseback to Amrad, is the optimum strategy for the Company," Dr Webb said.

"The overall property market has moved favourably and we have an outstanding inner-city asset which we can leverage to boost our drug discovery, development and commercialisation activities. We currently have five projects in preclinical and clinical development and a further 20 projects in the early discovery phase of development. Our plan is to accelerate the development of these projects using the new capital realised through the sale of the Richmond site," Dr Webb said.

"Amrad is considering a leaseback of part of the land for a minimum period of two years to enable adequate preparations to meet relocation requirements without disrupting the normal course of business.

"We believe the site, along the banks of the Yarra and with excellent transport access, is a prime commercial development site and the Board fully supports the shift of our assets to fund our core business - drug discovery and development," said Dr Webb.

Currently the land is zoned for business use and Amrad has three tenants, GE Capital Finance Australia, Cerylid Biosciences and AusBiotech, subletting parts of the complex. "We have excellent tenants with short and medium term leases and this adds to the attractiveness of the property for investors or developers," Dr Webb said.

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